Heart Bop Trio

Avishai Darash, piano · Omer Govreen, double bass · Joe Blaxx, drums

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Not hard bop. Heart Bop. The title swaps one letter, and that's the whole idea: the swing and fire of 1950s jazz, played from the heart in a sound that belongs to now.

The trio played its first concert at the Red Light Jazz Festival, at Contra in Amsterdam, in June 2026. TRPTK offered them a record deal that night. In August they recorded the album *Heart Bop* in a single day at Wisseloord Studios in Hilversum, live, without separation, with state-of-the-art microphones from the TRPTK collection alongside 1950s microphones from the Polyhymnia collection. Old and new, in one room. From September to December 2026 they are the resident band at Contra, with a concert every month.

Some bands you put together. This one assembled itself. Three musicians from different worlds met in Amsterdam: pianist Avishai Darash, who wrote the music; New York drummer Joe Blaxx, known from his work with Terence Blanchard and Bilal and on Lakecia Benjamin's Grammy-nominated album; and bassist Omer Govreen, who has played with Billy Cobham and Tineke Postma. One concert was enough to know they had something.



Album	Heart Bop
Label	TRPTK
Release	8 January 2027
Formats	45 RPM vinyl, digital, immersive audio

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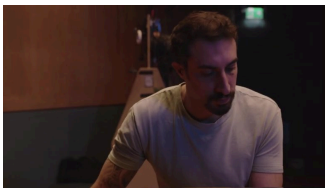

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“It sings, it swings, it surprises and it moves me … The art of the trio truly is in safe hands.”

Mike Gates, UK Vibe (5/5)

“Cultivated without ostentation, elegant without coldness and generous without complacency.”

Thierry De Clemensat, Paris-Move

“Darash turns his influences into a language of his own: sophisticated without becoming unnatural, accessible without losing depth.”

Berti Barbera, Sunete (Romania), translated from Romanian

“Darash’s strong technique at the piano allows him to explore the individual approach he’s taking.”

Brad Mehldau

THE BAND



Avishai Darash

piano, compositions

Pianist and composer based in Amsterdam. His albums include *Samskara* and the live double album *Between Two Mirrors*, recorded at the Bimhuis and LantarenVenster, and led the acclaimed Marmoucha Orchestra for eight studio albums. He has played the Bimhuis and the Concertgebouw and toured South Korea, North Africa and Southwest Asia.

Joe Blaxx

drums

Drummer from New York, now living in the Netherlands. He has played with Bilal, Terence Blanchard and José James, and is on Lakecia Benjamin's latest album, which was nominated for a Grammy.

Omer Govreen

double bass

Bassist and composer, in Amsterdam since 2016. He has played with Billy Cobham, Tineke Postma, Benjamin Herman, Anat Fort and Michael Moore, and co-leads the band Garden Crack.

BOOKING

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